

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2611.** Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 941, line 4, strike the period at the end and insert the following:

**Subtitle C—Income Loss Assistance****SEC. 1021. INCOME LOSS ASSISTANCE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this subtitle as the “Secretary”) shall use \$1,800,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm that have incurred qualifying income losses for the 2001 crop.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall make assistance available under this section in the same manner as provided under section 815 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 105-277; 114 Stat. 1549A-55), including using the same loss thresholds for the quantity and economic losses as were used in administering that section.

(c) **USE OF FUNDS FOR CASH PAYMENTS.**—The Secretary may use funds made available under this section to make, in a manner consistent with this section, cash payments not for crop disasters, but for income loss to carry out the purposes of this section.

**SEC. 1022. LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall use \$500,000,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make and administer payments for livestock losses to producers for 2001 losses in a county that has received an emergency designation by the President or the Secretary after January 1, 2001, of which \$12,000,000 shall be made available for the American Indian livestock program under section 806 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 105-277; 114 Stat. 1549A-51).

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall make assistance available under this section in the same manner as provided under section 806 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 105-277; 114 Stat. 1549A-51).

**SEC. 1023. COMMODITY PURCHASES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall use \$220,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase agricultural commodities, especially agricultural commodities that have experienced low prices during the 2001 crop year, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.**—The Secretary is encouraged to purchase agricultural commodities under this section in a manner that reflects the geographic diversity of agricultural production in the United States, particularly agricultural production in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

(c) **OTHER PURCHASES.**—The Secretary shall ensure that purchases of agricultural com-

modities under this section are in addition to purchases by the Secretary under any other law.

(d) **TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS.**—The Secretary may use not more than \$20,000,000 of the funds made available under subsection (a) to provide assistance to States to cover costs incurred by the States in transporting and distributing agricultural commodities purchased under this section.

(e) **PURCHASES FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS.**—The Secretary shall use not less than \$55,000,000 of the funds made available under subsection (a) to purchase agricultural commodities of the type distributed under section 6(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(a)) for distribution to schools and service institutions in accordance with section 6(a) of that Act.

**SEC. 1024. COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION.**

The Secretary shall use the funds, facilities, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this subtitle.

**SEC. 1025. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to funds otherwise available, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture in carrying out this subtitle \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(b) **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.**—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this section the funds transferred under subsection (a), without further appropriation.

**SEC. 1026. REGULATIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this subtitle.

(b) **PROCEDURE.**—The promulgation of the regulations and administration of this subtitle shall be made without regard to—

(1) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; and

(3) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKING.**—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall use the authority provided under section 808 of title 5, United States Code.

**SEC. 1027. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.**

The entire amount made available by each of sections 1021 through 1023—

(1) shall be available only to the extent that the President submits to Congress an official budget request for the amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.); and

(2) is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

**SA 2612.** Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the

purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 13, line 23, strike “and”.

On page 14, line 3, strike the period and insert “; and”.

On page 14, insert between lines 3 and 4 the following:

“(5) examine the feasibility of measures to strengthen the dissemination of information.”

**SA 2613.** Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 11, line 9, strike “Director” and insert “head of each applicable department or agency (and in the case of paragraph (12) by the Director)”.

On page 14, line 7, insert “, including any minority views of the task force,” after “(c)”.

On page 14, line 8, strike “and”.

On page 14, line 12, insert “and Entrepreneurship” after “Business”.

On page 14, line 16, strike the period and insert “; and”.

On page 14, insert between lines 16 and 17 the following:

“(3) the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman designated under section 30(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657(b)).”

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Patrick Rooney, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 90 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, RELATING TO FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE**

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2559, Calendar No. 235.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2559) to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the immediate consideration of the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask consent the bill be read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, all with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.